



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 23, 2016, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 23, 2016, up slightly from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 23, 2016, down slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 23, 2016, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through April 23, 2016 for the United States were 2.84 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2016

State	Week ending					
	March 19, 2016	March 26, 2016	April 2, 2016	April 9, 2016	April 16, 2016	April 23, 2016
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	28,963	28,737	28,279	28,070	27,892	28,830
Arkansas .....	22,319	21,467	22,593	22,567	22,262	21,730
Delaware .....	4,938	4,926	4,916	4,950	4,984	4,941
Florida .....	1,225	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia .....	34,590	34,879	34,573	34,684	35,213	34,589
Kentucky .....	7,423	7,511	7,707	7,866	7,892	7,996
Louisiana .....	3,453	3,378	3,606	3,742	3,772	3,695
Maryland .....	7,992	7,614	7,772	7,275	8,123	8,174
Mississippi .....	17,607	17,354	18,045	17,987	17,679	18,166
Missouri .....	7,962	8,094	7,398	7,725	8,117	7,526
North Carolina .....	21,121	21,263	20,836	20,962	20,889	20,510
Oklahoma .....	6,876	6,730	7,057	6,769	6,576	6,749
Pennsylvania .....	4,898	4,727	4,587	4,663	4,806	4,645
South Carolina .....	5,505	5,575	5,180	5,604	5,568	5,353
Texas .....	15,712	15,415	15,660	15,548	15,425	15,402
Virginia .....	6,378	6,339	6,402	6,556	6,571	6,587
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,328	12,152	12,318	12,597	12,247	11,774
19 State total .....	209,290	207,385	208,154	208,790	209,241	207,892
Percent of previous year .....	102	99	99	99	100	100
Other States .....	8,764	8,558	8,185	8,234	8,299	8,712
United States .....	218,054	215,943	216,339	217,024	217,540	216,604
Percent of previous year .....	102	100	99	99	99	100

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2016

State	Week ending					
	March 19, 2016	March 26, 2016	April 2, 2016	April 9, 2016	April 16, 2016	April 23, 2016
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,356	21,062	21,823	21,659	21,558	20,656
Arkansas .....	21,011	19,134	20,728	21,453	19,699	20,547
Delaware .....	5,854	7,024	5,532	4,678	4,713	5,094
Florida .....	1,131	973	1,132	1,359	1,155	1,141
Georgia .....	27,860	27,814	27,512	27,304	27,698	28,369
Kentucky .....	6,076	6,426	6,476	6,096	6,121	6,204
Louisiana .....	3,183	3,160	3,210	3,083	2,980	3,069
Maryland .....	5,990	5,135	6,497	7,539	5,743	6,595
Mississippi .....	14,946	15,032	14,821	14,759	14,541	15,204
Missouri .....	6,104	6,032	5,628	5,514	5,568	5,537
North Carolina .....	16,738	16,359	17,035	17,049	17,539	17,053
Oklahoma .....	3,366	5,779	4,588	4,042	4,690	4,588
Pennsylvania .....	3,475	3,621	3,640	3,795	3,625	3,473
South Carolina .....	4,735	4,857	4,430	4,651	4,873	5,055
Texas .....	12,690	12,631	12,610	12,876	12,740	12,947
Virginia .....	5,137	5,183	5,288	5,162	5,780	4,800
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,408	11,228	11,710	11,062	11,093	10,997
19 State total .....	171,060	171,450	172,660	172,081	170,116	171,329
Percent of previous year .....	101	102	103	102	99	99
Other States .....	6,538	6,811	6,477	7,278	7,077	6,922
United States .....	177,598	178,261	179,137	179,359	177,193	178,251
Percent of previous year .....	101	102	103	103	100	100

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

**Estimating Procedures:** All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, 19 State total, Other States, and the United States.

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**Reliability:** Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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